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The "Kangaroos" Are Hopping



The "Kangaroos" — Mr. W. R. Thomas's invitation team — is leaving for New Zealand on Thursday next, July 26. "Soccer News" photographer, Frank Waghorn, took this fine picture of the tourists at Flinders Naval Base. Members left to right are:—

Back Row: Parvin (Pahran), Wilson (Pahran), McMurray (Brighton), Sinclair (Brighton), Heath (Moreland), Stoddart (Brighton), Clarke (Moreland).

Middle Row: Mr. W. R. Thomas (Manager), Thomas (Brighton), Drummond (Brighton), Barr (Capt.) (Brighton), McKenzie (Brighton), Bell (Yallourn), Mr. W. F. Thomas (Asst. Manager).

Front Row: Scott (Brighton), Lock (Moreland), Bambro (Pahran).

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.B.



This coming week will see the departure of the Kangaroos, Mr. W. R. Thomas's invitation team, for New Zealand. The tourists have a very ambitious programme before them, the itinerary of which is in another page. Although this is not a Victorian State side, the members carry with them the best wishes of all Victorian enthusiasts. We hope that their trip will be a pleasant one, and that they will return covered with glory. From time to time we shall be receiving reports on the tour and these will be published in due course.

"Soccer News" wishes bon voyage to Bill Thomas, Skipper Alex Barr, and all their merry men.

This week the expected shocks in the Divisional Cup came to light with a vengeance. The fourth Division leaders, Polonia, trounced Caledonians (fourth in League 3) by no fewer than 12 goals to nil, while Ulsterville (second in League 4) scored seven times for no reply from Third Division team, Woodlands. Geelong United, which previously had won twice only, found the net eleven times against Heidelberg.

Further sensations can be expected next week in round two, but what will happen when some of these crack clubs of the Third and Fourth Divisions meet clubs from Divisions 1 and 2 in the Dockerty Cup competition later, is exercising the minds of all students of form.

Of great interest was the Sunday charity game played at Olympic Park last week on a windy afternoon. First Division Box Hill met Second Division Juventus and playing with the wind in the first half, scored five times. Then happened something I personally have never seen before. Five down at half-time, Juventus, by rights should by now have dropped its bundle, got stuck into the Hill-men, netted five times, and finished the game as a draw. Both sides seemed to be at full strength and the speed of the game was flat out all the time. Spectators generally seemed to thoroughly enjoy it also. Incidentally, as a result, somewhere in the vicinity of £50 is likely to go to Box Hill player, Van der Weyden, who was severely injured early in the season.

Prior to this game, a curtain raiser, Probables v. Possibles (Under 19), provided high-class entertainment also. This contest was very close. The selectors afterwards could not have had an easy task picking the State side to play South Australia. Of the 14 players chosen, only one is included of the side which last year visited South Australia and lost 6-1.

I have had a serious complaint made to me regarding a remark in this column last week. I stated that there was now no undefeated team in any competition. The Coburg Under 14 side has pointed out that it has played 10 games for nine wins and one draw. "I eat my words," and to the lads of Coburg's Under 14's I offer my humble apologies.

I regret also that last week we had a spate of printing errors, for which also I have to ask forgiveness.

Last week we published an article on Wally Tunn. We very much regret that on the day this appeared Wally Tunn passed away. Wally was a vice-president of the V.A.S.F.A. and had been secretary of Prahran for nearly 40 years.

We will leave it to members of the Prahran club, who had known Wally for so many years, to write his obituary, but to Mrs Tunn and his family we offer our heartfelt sympathy. Although soccer has lost one of its finest figures and we a great friend, they have lost far more, for surely Wally was one of the kindest of men.

FOURTH (Jubilee) TEST MATCH

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By RIGHT-HALF

The game opened with England on the attack from the outset. For 30 minutes England kept up a machine-like attack and the Australian defences were working like Trojans in an effort to keep their opponents from scoring. From a lofted cross from left-winger Langton, Sewell made no mistake with a perfect header which gave Lord no chance. A few minutes later Broome retired and Webster replaced him at inside-left. Within a matter of minutes England scored a rather lucky second goal. Lord in an effort to hit the ball over the cross-bar, misjudged it and the ball struck the cross-bar and rebounded into play at the foot of Webster, who nearly tore the net with a first-time cannon ball drive. The score remained at 2-0 until half-time.

On resumption of play the game see-sawed from end to end until Hurst, in a brilliant individual burst from the half-way line, out-manoeuvred the Australian defence and beat Lord with a low drive into the corner of the net (3-0). From the resultant kick-off the Australian forwards attacked and a clever pass through to Parsons from McMahon gave the tall centre forward a scoring chance — however, a terrific left-foot drive from ten yards was punched clear by Burgin. This save was one of the highlights of the game.

The Australian forwards efforts were rewarded when Hulme made no mistake with a penalty given against Owen for an illegal tackle against Parsons, within the penalty box (3-1).

Obviously incensed, the English forward line quickly manoeuvred the ball to Langton, immediately after the kick-off and a perfect cross was neatly headed past Lord by Webster (4-1).

The score remained at 4-1 for quite a while with Burgin and Lord bringing off some neat saves. Australian outside-left, Harry Robertson, then brought the crowd to their feet with a brilliant first-time drive after good lead-up work by McMahon, Hulme and Parsons; the shot missed the far goal post by inches with Burgin out of position.

After a clever passing movement from Bamford to Parker to Hurst, Ike Clarke collected a long pass just outside the penalty area and made no mistake with a left-foot drive (England 5, Australia 1). Within the last few minutes of play, Webster (substituting for Broome) received a pass from left-half Shaw, and from 30 yards scored his hat-trick and the best goal of the match with a terrific drive high in the corner of the net.

The whole of the English team played well. Their cohesion and interchange of positions, especially the right flank and inside-forwards, was a treat to watch. A special mention must be given to Bamford, Shaw and Hurst who seldom made a mistake.

Although defeated 6-1, the Australian team were by no means disgraced and proved they have learnt many points from the visitors. One cannot help pay special tribute to Kevin O'Neill, who gave an outstanding display at right-back.

After the game the Jubilee Cup was presented to the English captain, Reg Flewin, by Mr. Sid Storey of the A.S.F.A.

At an official function at night at the Oceanic Hotel, Coogee, the English manager, Mr. Wiseman, presented on behalf of the English Football Association to the A.S.F.A., a magnificent banner and a coffee set.

Mr. Storey (on behalf of the A.S.F.A.) presented each member of the Touring party with a wristlet watch and a Jubilee medal.

Captains of the English and Australian teams, Reg Flewin and Bob Lawrie, were each presented with a Jubilee trophy.

Secretary's Notes



Dockerty Cup and Reserve Cups. Clubs are reminded that only clubs who have paid their entry fees will be included in the draws for the Cup competitions. Make sure today that your entry fee has been forwarded and that you hold a receipt for same. The draws will be made next week.

League Tables. No league tables will now be published for the Third and Fourth Divisions, as these leagues are completed. I hope to be in a position to publish the matches to be played in the Divisional Cup competition each week, but this cannot be done unless the results are phoned in on the Saturdays. Clubs please co-operate.

Black Armbands. This week soccer has suffered a heavy blow in the passing of the late Mr. W. W. Tunn, who was a vice-president of the V.A.S.F.A. As a token of respect all clubs are requested to observe one minute's silence before the commencement of their matches. Where possible black armbands should be worn by all players.

It is specifically requested by the Council of the V.A.S.F.A. that all clubs fielding junior or schoolboy teams will appoint a manager for each team. It is to the club's own interest to provide some responsible person to look after the welfare of these young lads. Apart from it being a safeguard to the boys when travelling by tram or train, it has a tremendous influence on a lad when he is participating in a game and knows that there is someone on the "touch-line" to whom he can call upon for advice.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.



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"The Kangaroos"

By W. R. THOMAS (Tour Manager)

It might be of interest to many readers to know how the "Kangaroos" tour of New Zealand originated.

In the local hostelry, chatting with Alex Barr, we yarned about football tours and the pleasures gained at Adelaide, Sydney and Tasmania. From then on it wasn't very far to the thought of a tour of New Zealand. I made application to the Victorian Association for permission to approach the New Zealand Association. This was granted by the council and then formal application was made to the Australian Association which body also gave its approval. Correspondence then ensued between New Zealand and myself on the basis of a "private and official tour." I suggested that we pay our own air fares to and from New Zealand and that New Zealand would pay all travelling and hotel expenses. This was eventually agreed to and a formal invitation was then extended by the New Zealand Football Association on those terms. It was also agreed that the New Zealand Association would, if a profit were made, reimburse our players for their outlay. I am very hopeful that this wish will be realised, without being unduly optimistic, because last year in both Wellington and Auckland they had crowds of 10,000 at finals and semi-finals.

From that point onward, it was just organisation. Picking a team (quite a job), holding team meetings, arranging a few games, deciding on the length of the tour, arranging bookings by air, collecting money from the chaps, corresponding with New Zealand, buying uniforms, badges, etc., arranging blazers and a few other incidental matters — this lot of work had been a pleasure, when it was seen that things were coming to fruition. To give some idea of the money required, I might say that I have received just on £1400 from members of the party. Fares were £75 each. Two complete strips will be taken, and as the shirts cost over 30/- and the shorts 10/-, another £45 was spent. Badges for the blazers 15/-, badges for the shorts 5/-, meant another £20 laid out. By the way, the "Kangaroos" will copy the English team as regards strips — white shirt with badge, black shorts and black and white hooped stockings.

I chose the name "Kangaroos," as in New Zealand the name will be sym-bolical of Australia, and with the Kangaroo badge on the shirts, the name seemed an obvious choice. For the blazers, we have designed and had made a badge, to go over the pocket which will mainly consist of two Kangaroos as a back-ground. Regarding blazers, our thanks are due to many members of the Brighton club who have loaned their blazers. Eight members of the team are from Brighton, so we were fortunate in borrowing some nine others which means that our party will leave with the satisfaction of looking like a touring team.

The party will consist of 17, made up of myself as manager, an assistant manager, and 15 players. The tour will last three and a half weeks and during that time will play 10 games. We will travel and play in both Islands, playing in the four capital cities and in minor towns. Most of the touring will be done in a de luxe parlour coach, as the New Zealand Association want us to see and enjoy as much of the scenic beauties as possible. The team will leave on Thursday night, July 26, arriving in Christchurch next morning (Friday) and return from Auckland on Tuesday, August 21.

I think everyone will agree that it should be a most enjoyable and successful tour. I trust we will have the best wishes of all Victorian soccer enthusiasts. Mr. Dixon has made arrangements for cables and reports to be sent to him for inclusion in "Soccer News," and this will give readers a comparison of the respective strength of soccer in both countries.

In conclusion I would like to say that I am particularly happy to be associated with a party which combines the three essentials for a successful tour — good players, good sportsmen, and good fellowship.

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For rather more than a decade, the name of Howard Ingham has been prominent in Victorian soccer — one of the few to gain high recognition without a long playing history.

He gained soccer colours at school at "Streete Court" in Kent before coming to Australia, but later, at Geelong Grammar School, found Australian Rules not attractive. After his discharge from the first A.I.F.,

studies kept him out of the game for some years, but in 1926 he looked around for some form of relaxation. His old love, soccer, came to mind.

When the second World War came along and took away many of our best players, Howard Ingham was one of the small band of enthusiasts who worked hard to keep the soccer flag flying. During this period he took under his wing the visiting English Air Force team and, at his own expense, arranged their accommodation and refreshment during the whole of their season here.

His activities in the war period resulted, soon after hostilities ended, in his election as chairman of the council of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association, and as a member of the Australian Council. It was at about this time, too, that he was appointed to the Olympic Park Trust by the Hon. John McDonald, M.L.A. (now Premier of Victoria).

As chairman of the council he has helped in the fantastic post-war growth of soccer. The number of clubs has increased nearly tenfold, and Mr. Ingham has personally gathered around him in soccer a list of patrons of which any sport could be proud.

While speaking of patrons, Mr. Ingham recalled that one of them, the late Field Marshal Thomas Blamey, told him that in 1904, when he was a young school teacher in Western Australia, he had introduced soccer to that State.

Mr. Ingham also produced a letter from another soccer patron, Sir Ben Fuller, who, writing from London very recently, told of his visit to the Cup Final at Wembley with Tommy Trinder. Seats cost them about £2/15/- each, and he commented that spectators in this country should realise that the game is worth much more to them than the few pence that most now put into the box.

A strong advocate of a progressive developmental policy, Mr. Ingham believes that assistance to country leagues and clubs is essential if the game is to continue its growth in this State. That fact, too, that Jock Parker, whom Mr. Ingham calls "Father of the Juniors," was singled out for special mention indicates his support for those who believe that the future of the game rests largely with the boys.

Serious illness has kept Howard Ingham from taking part in any soccer activities this season, unfortunately, and there was deep disappointment in his voice as he told of his dismay when he realised that he would be unable to see the English tourists play, or to participate in any of the functions connected with their visit. Especially, he would have liked to have seen 30,000 people watching soccer on the M.C.G. But Howard Ingham knows that was only the first time!



H. K. Ingham

HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON



CROWD CONSCIOUS

J.U.S.T. were taking no chances on the huge crowd getting out of hand at their game versus Hakoah at Richmond on Saturday week. Heavy one-inch hemp rope encircled the ground completely, while the majesty of the Law patrolled inside. Other clubs with large followings might take heed of J.U.S.T.'s wise precautions.

MALTESE IN ENGLAND

An ambition of Maltese footballers was realised when Floriana F.C., premier side in the Island, and known as "The Greens," visited England for the Festival season. First match was against Chelsea, who visited Malta in 1949.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Following the World's Cup series held in Rio, six teams are likely to meet in a new "Tournament of Champions." Those from Europe will be England, Austria and Portugal. From South America will be Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, and Nacional, Uruguayan champions.

VERSATILE BLACK SHEEP

Included in the Kangaroos' side as skipper is "Soccer News" ace, Capt. Alex Barr, who we hope will keep us informed on the marsupials' meanderings. Apart from his pithy writings in the "Rag," Iron(y) Barr also is famous for his football. New Zealanders will get a shock if they see Alec, with one foot on the ball, writing up the game at the same time.

FRENCH REDUCE IMPORTS

French professional soccer clubs have reduced to two the number of foreign players allowed to each club after 1952.

PREMIERS AGAIN

Right in the running, Sunshine United are my tip for the Championship again this season.

QUICK HAT-TRICK

The quick hat-trick by Clarke, in the Sydney Test, all in four minutes, was also done by Willie Hall in an International for England. Hall had both legs amputated a short while afterwards, a sad loss to English football.

MORE QUICK NETTING

Sunderland won the S.A. Cup in 1937. Earlier that season they were beaten by Arsenal, Cup Holders, 4-1, all the goals coming between the 13th and 19th minutes. Arsenal scored theirs in less than 5 minutes, and Sunderland replied a minute later.

CAPTAIN COMPLIES

Victoria having sunk so low in A.S.F.A. selection circles that no player from south of the Murray was included in the Brisbane Test team, our Editor was in a spot for first-class news of the game. Skipper Bob Lawrie, of Queensland, responded manfully to Ed's frantic wire, and arranged a write-up. Actually, Ed. was on a good wicket. Bob is by persuasion a school teacher, so it was a safe bet he could be counted on.

MISSED PENALTY

Everton missed a penalty early in the season against Chelsea. Had they scored, the "Pensioners" would have been relegated in their place. In successive years, a missed penalty by Black cost Plymouth Argyle promotion to the Second Division.

PACKING THEM IN

Attendance for the Scottish Cup Final of 1948 was 277,140. Both games were at Hampden Park, and the first game, watched by 143,570, was a draw. Rangers beat Morton in the re-play, at which only a mere 133,570 attended.

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It is our sincere hope that all soccer enthusiasts will deal with these firms who support the game we all love, so that their advertising efforts may be amply rewarded.

V. J. M. DIXON, EDITOR, "Soccer News."

Home and Away (Continued from Page 7)

The A.S.F.A. applying for membership of the Australian Olympic Federation discovered that first of all State associations must become members of State Olympic Councils. This takes time, and in the flurry of States applying for membership so that soccer may be represented at the 1956 Games in Melbourne, it was discovered that Victoria took this step two years ago and is now a member of the Victorian Olympic Council.

QUIZ

Free-kick awarded 20 yards from goal. Player runs up to take the kick, but nearly touches it about a foot away as team-mate following up behind drives it through the defenders into the net. Is it a goal?

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ENGLAND: Weight (Park Rangers), Day (Sandringham), Dawson (Footscray), Brown (Box Hill), White (Capt.) (Prahlan), Bain (South Yarra), Evans (Sunshine United), Gamble (Brighton), Cox (Sunshine City), Hirst (South Yarra), Starkey (Park Rangers).

Reserves: Thorrington (Prahlan), Wilkinson (Sandringham), Walker (Sandringham), Marsden (Brighton), Hambridge (Navy), Turner (Navy), Lynn (Park Rangers), Pennington (Moorabbin), Willie (University).

Players are requested to bring white shirts and black shorts and report to either Mr. J. Finney or Mr. W. Bowman by 2.30 p.m. All Reserves are requested to be in attendance as replacements will be made at half-time.

AUSTRALIA: The following players are requested to be in attendance at 2.30 p.m.:— Doherty, Harodin, Bird, Roberts, Drennan, Lowe (Sunshine); Mackie, Guy, Gillis, Nelson, Asling, Wilson (Park Rangers); Overall, Tester (Box Hill); Goode (Brighton); James (South Melbourne); Sharman (South Yarra); Barbour (Prahlan).

WORLD CUP (2nd Round)

SCOTLAND

Goddard (Box Hill), Bushrod (Fifers), Orr (South Yarra), Wymess (Fifers), Jack (Brighton), Lawrie (Footscray), Clarke (Park Rangers), Sharpe (Moreland), Hunter (Sunshine United), Ramsay (Sunshine United), McFeeters (Box Hill).

Reserves: Drane, McColl, Neil, Power, Meek, McFarlane.

Any player not available please notify A. Balish, 531 Ballarat Road, Sunshine.

HUNGARY

All Hungarian players not members of Hungarian Soccer Club, who want to take part in the World Cup competition with the Hungarian team, please contact Mr. Stephen Petrovich, 32 Cromwell Road, South Yarra. BJ 3366.

KANGAROOS' ITINERARY

Friday, July 27, arrive in Christchurch; Saturday, July 28, v. Canterbury at Christchurch; Tuesday, July 31, v. S.I. Minor Associations at Timaru; Thursday, August 2, v. Otago at Dunedin; Saturday, August 4, v. Southland at Invercargill; Wednesday, August 8, v. Wellington at Wellington; Saturday, August 11, v. New Zealand at Wellington; Monday, August 13, v. N.I. Minor Associations at New Plymouth; Thursday, August 16, v. Waikato or South Auckland at Hamilton; Saturday, August 18, v. Auckland at Auckland.

The team will return on Monday, August 20, to Sydney.

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Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—I should like to endorse the views expressed by Mr. T. Saunders in your last issue. For the last three years, I have been teaching the lads soccer at a very large primary and central school in Melbourne. The response has been greater than I could handle on my own, and I regret that I have had to turn lads away from after-school practices.

The Education Department does not lay down that any particular sports should be taught in preference to others. The only reason that "Rules" is the dominant code is that the majority of teachers follow that code. At the present time, the Department is crying out for teachers. Surely, somewhere in Melbourne, there must be soccer players who, having a Leaving Certificate or its equivalent, would make good teachers. The job is theirs for the asking.

I am raising this matter because I consider it vital to the progress of our game. No game can flourish in our schools, or even exist, without enthusiastic instructors. —Yours, etc., E. S. BEALE.

Sir,—I was very interested in the letter by T. Saunders ("Soccer News," July 14) regarding the introduction of soccer in Victorian schools.

He is obviously in a better position to judge the chances of success than some so-called enthusiasts who are "beaten before they start." If everyone were as constructive in their ideas for the betterment of the game, as the writer of that letter, we would get ahead much faster. Regarding the donation of footballs to potential school teams, it would not hurt if every club in the competition provided a new ball for the betterment of soccer in local schools.

We should back this move by Mr. Saunders by the gift of footballs, and by the willingness of some of the more gifted players offering to coach the schoolboys.

It is a great pity that Mr. Saunders's address was not given, as much valuable time will be lost in trying to contact him. I would be glad to send him a football to help his boys along as soon as his address is available. —Yours, etc., G. THORRINGTON.

[Mr. Saunders's address is 14 Maple Street, Blackburn, EDITOR.]

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Club Jottings

PRAHRAN

With very great regret we report the passing, after several weeks of illness, of our popular secretary, Wally Tunn. Joining Prahran in 1912 after playing for a season with Williamstown, Mr. Tunn became secretary almost at once, and continued in the position ever since. He played regularly for Prahran for many years and took the field for the last time in 1941 at the age of 56. The club acknowledges its great debt to his untiring energy over such a long and eventful period, and extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Tunn and family.

BOX HILL BENEFIT MATCH AT OLYMPIC PARK

Last Sunday a benefit match was played between Box Hill and Juventus, the proceeds of which go to an Injured Players' Fund for Box Hill players. The financial result was very satisfactory. Blustery conditions upset players' calculations somewhat, but Juventus lost no time in attacking the Box Hill defence with good team work by the forwards and fine "carpet football." However, the attacks broke down in front of goal with too much finesse and not enough first-time shooting. When Box Hill settled down, it played the better game, and McFeeters scored first goal for the Hillmen from a perfect pass by Blezzard. Second goal soon appeared when Otto received from McFeeters, and with the Hillmen having the best of the play, further goals were scored by Hutchinson and Blezzard. However, Juventus was well in the game but was unable to pierce the Box Hill defence until Trentini received from the right-wing and drove past Goddard to score first goal. At the interval the Hillmen were leading 5-1. Otto having scored his second goal just on time.

The second half revealed surprises. Juventus, playing with the wind, got into its stride and playing the best football of the day, gradually reduced the leeway with goals by Muzzin and Trentini (2). Juventus was still short-passing in front of goal and wasting opportunities, but trying hard for the equaliser. This came when Vidovic beat Goddard with a beautiful shot. There was no further score and the game ended a draw, 5 goals each, and everyone happy. In conclusion I would like to add that we should have more of these social games between local clubs and the "New Australian" clubs to help us to know and understand each other better.

The Box Hill club wishes to thank Messrs. Rossiter, Hadfield and Adams of the Referees Association for their assistance. —ALEX JARVIS.

FIFERS

So the hoodoo is still with us, and last week, in spite of enjoying most of the play, we lost to the Navy, 6-2. Never mind lads, we had a splendid day and an equally splendid game. Our warmest thanks to Mr. McKenzie, of F.N.D., for meeting us and looking after us so well — we hope to be seeing you and the lads again. Best wishes to the unlucky mariner who was taken to hospital; hope you're playing soon.

Today we extend a hearty welcome to Moreland and hope to avenge their early season 3-0 win. Bon voyage to Phil Ostler, now en route to Blighty.

It was with sincere regret we heard of the bereavement suffered last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beveridge. All members of the club extend their deepest sympathy.

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FRANKSTON

Owing to Slavia being suspended, Frankston was awarded the first round of the Divisional Cup knock-out tournament, and today will be visiting Geelong for the second round. Tomorrow at Rosebud, a social match will be played to promote soccer there. Kindly remember the club's next dance in Frankston Mechanics' Hall next Wednesday, July 25. —P. IMS.

JUVENTUS

This week Juventus had a double celebration. A fine win over Preston was a fitting present for captain R. Carollo, whose wife last week was responsible in forming the nucleus of the 1970 Juventus team. Yes, you've guessed it. Rino is now a father — of twins! (That's not bad for the first effort.) Everybody, no doubt, attributes this mass-production of players to the strenuous Thursday night training. All the other married members of the team are confident that they can better this effort. Anyhow, all the members and supporters of Juventus wish, through this paper, the best of luck to Rino and his wife Paulette.

All teams on Saturday brought home the points. The seconds continued its run of success and look good for the first place. At Royal Park, a 5-0 victory was chalked up by the black and whites. Preston played well, but Juventus at times turned on rattling good play which burned the opposition. Rubini as usual was in the thick of everything. Cernizza and Ciucetta, nobly assisting him across the centre, were responsible for many of the passes that produced the five goals. Vidovic and Muzzin were the stars of the attacking line which went like clockwork. In fact all played well, and the goals were the result of close teamwork. The scorers were: Vidovic, Pittoni, Trentini (3).

PARK RANGERS

Rangers opened full of determination against South Yarra, but met with a resolute defence. The home team was not denied and scored its first goal after 15 minutes. Another followed in a short time. Both were scored by Howieson, outside-right. This was all the scoring in the first half although each goal had narrow escapes, especially the Lakeside team when Durnian (O.R. for South Yarra) sent across three corners in as many minutes. The second half opened in thrilling fashion: South Yarra equalising within 10 minutes through Bolton, his first goal coming from a fast, rising drive from about 30 yards. From the touchline it seemed that Weight had this shot covered, but it eluded him. Very soon afterwards Bolton achieved the "hat-trick" by converting a penalty awarded for hands against Holder. Starkey converted a pass from Gillis and another from Clarke to give the home team a 4-3 lead. This was held till time, thus gaining two valuable points.

POLONIA

Polonia began the Divisional Cup contest with an easy victory against Royal Caledonians. The opposing side shouldn't be blamed for the 12-0 defeat. It only indicates that all of the Fourth Division teams could have successfully played in the Third Division when the season started this year.

We are proud that players of our team will represent Poland in the World Cup Competition. —T. C. H.

SANDRIGHAM CITY

The first team at Como Park lost to Prahran, 4-3. Reserves at Olive Street won from Prahran, 2-1. The Under 19 Junior Cup semi-final ended. South Melbourne 2, Sandringham City 1.

In the Under 17 Salt House Cup semi-final, Northcote put out Sandringham City, 3-1, but Sandringham City's Under 14 was successful with 7-0 against Moorabbin in the Blue Riband Cup semi-final. The junior committee will hold a dance in the Memorial Hall, Sandringham, next Saturday, 8 p.m.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

The first XI was defeated rather badly by Hakoah, 8-1. The only players to show any form were Stott, James, Olifurs and Surites. The Reserves suffered defeat 3-2. Playing with 10 men, these boys continued their recent improved form. Our Under 19 team gave an outstanding display in the Junior Cup semi-final; although starting with only nine men and losing Westwood after 20 minutes, these eight boys battled on to give a great exhibition of skill, courage and determination. They carried the fight against Sandringham and scored two good goals to lead at half-time, 2-0. In the second half weight began to tell, and pressure brought a good goal to Sandringham. With 10 minutes to play, South hung on and as time was called looked like increasing the lead. Everyone gave a brilliant performance, with Riddell, Simpson, James, Stiles and Denny outstanding.

Under 17 lost at Preston, 1-0, with only nine men, but it was very unlucky to lose.

Under 15 gave a great exhibition to hold Sunshine United to 3-3, after extra time. All played well, particularly Hathaway and Corfield, who scored a beautiful goal.

Under 14A lost to Sunshine City, 3-0. —A. CULF.

SUNSHINE UNITED

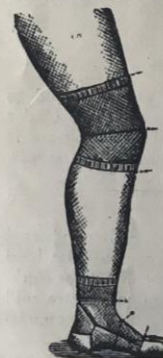
Box Hill winning the toss, took advantage of the strong wind. From the kick-off, United almost scored the first minute. From the goal-kick, the Hillmen took the ball down the field with good passing play, a goal coming in the first two minutes. Box Hill looked very dangerous and the United goal was having some narrow escapes and the defence men were extended. However, United made many raids into Hillmen territory against the wind and at half-time the one goal lead for the Hillmen was too slender. Now they had to face the strong wind, but the defence withstood high pressure bombardment before United equalised from a header by Drennan; Harriden scored the second from a penalty kick. United, playing good soccer, deserved the lead. Other goals came from Kyle and Lowe, both wing-men. —BILL BOWMAN, Deer Park.

ULSTERVILLE

At Woodlands in the first round of the Divisional Cup, Ulsterville opened strongly, attacking and bombarding the Woodlands goal. J. Managh opened the score and followed by one from the "spot" by W. Cairns. Just before half-time, T. Simmons added the third. On the resumption, Ulsterville was always on top and further goals by S. Carnduff, W. Cairns, T. Simmons and S. Newberry, made the final score Ulsterville 7 goals, Woodlands nil.

On Sunday at Royal Park, the club entertained its sporting friends from the Union Jack club. Playing with several reserves, who showed great promise, Ulsterville won by 4 goals to 2.

Our popular chairman, Mr. Jim Ford, has donated a cup to the fairest and best player. Another unknown supporter has presented a cup to be used at the club's discretion. We thank these supporters for their interest in the club and the game. —RED HAND.



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Junior Section

THE COACH SAYS

A GOOD TEAM CHANGES ITS TACTICS TO SUIT CONDITIONS

Since the beginning of these articles I have endeavoured to show you individual play. The season is coming to a close all too quickly, so while there is still time I think we should study team work.

A good team will vary its tactics to suit the ground and their opponents. Suppose we take the former this week:



(1) When playing on a sticky or heavy ground use long passes as much as possible, as short passes will often stick in the mud short of your objective.

(2) On a wet grassy pitch the ball will slide fast and truly along the ground and will favour the forwards rather than the defenders who will find difficulty in turning quickly. When accepting a long pass, allow for the pace of the ball off the ground, or else you will find it shooting past you. All defenders, especially the goalkeeper, must be alert. For this pace off the ground, get your body well behind the ball and be ready for that zipp which usually follows. Forwards should assume that the defenders are going to be taken by surprise with the zipp and follow through quickly; you will find this pays dividends.

(3) On grounds with pools of water the same applies. It is not advisable for defenders to pass back to their own goalkeeper under such conditions, as the ball may stop short of him in a puddle and a fast forward following up is given an excellent opportunity of scoring.

(4) On dry grounds, keep the ball on the ground as much as possible and use short passes. Naturally long passes and lobs over an opponent's head will have to go in the air, but otherwise keep the ball down.

(5) When playing against the wind also keep the ball down. Forwards will need to come back on a day such as this, so that passes and clearances can reach them.

(6) When playing with the wind, long passes from full-backs and halves are of great assistance, and if the sun is in the eyes of your opponents' goalkeeper, keep shooting for goal at every opportunity. Cut out short passes in front of the goal, just keep on shooting.

(7) If you win the toss it is usually best to take whatever advantage there is in the way of wind or slope. The wind may drop or change in the second half and always try to avoid having your own goalkeeper facing the sun when it is low.

Play to the whistle all the time under climatic conditions. Don't stop play till the whistle blows and never argue. The referee is solely in charge, and whether you think he is right or wrong, remember his decision is final on the field of play.

STATE TEAMS

UNDER 17 YEARS SELECTED TEAM

The names of players in last week's "Soccer News," who were selected to play at Heyfield, will meet at South Melbourne soccer ground to play the Under 19 years South Melbourne team next Sunday morning at 10.30. This game is a practice match for teamwork, so roll up and give a good account of yourselves. Date, Sunday, July 22. —I. McCARTHY.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED DANCE

The social committee of the South Melbourne United soccer club conducted a very successful social and dance last Saturday. The next dance will be held on Saturday, August 4, at St. Anselm's Hall, Langridge Street, Middle Park. Admission is 2/6, including a lovely supper, and a first-class local orchestra will provide the rhythm. All are welcome. —V. BATES, secretary, social committee.

UNDER 19 YEARS SELECTED TEAM

Jarman (Preston), Schofield (Brighton), Gabel (Brighton), Traynor (Box Hill), Dixon (Brighton), Peachy (Preston), Boehm (Brighton), Martini (Juventus), Pepper (Preston), James (South Melbourne), Worthington (Moorabbin). Reserves: Jordan (Sandringham), Gribben (Sandringham), Simpson (South Melbourne).

The above team will play Moreland Reserves at Campbell Reserve, Moreland, on Sunday, July 22, at 2.45 p.m.

UNDER 16 (Metropolitan)

Congratulations are forthcoming to the following boys on gaining selection:

Goal, Smith (Sunshine United); Backs, Hatley (Sunshine United), Bretherton (Northcote); H. Backs, Petherwick (Sunshine United), Lea (Brighton), Bedford (Box Hill); Forwards, Hodson (Sandringham), Rankin (Brighton), Durkin (Sunshine United), Thoms (Footscray), Rule (Rangers), Hathaway (South Melbourne), Gray (Preston), Smith (Preston).

These lads are to be at Hurlingham Park, Brighton, at 12.45 Sunday July 22, 1951.

UNDER 14 (Victorian)

Goal, Manaering; Backs, Bailish (Sunshine United), Evans (Coburg); Half Backs, Edwards (Sunshine City), Hatley (Sunshine United), Adams (Coburg); Forwards, Molton (South Melbourne), Wallace (South Yarra), Sykes (Park Rangers), Tindell (Brighton), Huckvale (Coburg), Seedy (South Yarra), Lewington (Preston), Sargent (Sandringham) (also selection for Yallourn).

Boys are required 10 a.m. opposite Olympic Park, July 21, 1951.

Originally it was intended that the Under 16 team was to go to Hobart from August 2 until August 7, but owing to the high costs it was decided to send this team later in September when the boat service will be resumed. The Under 14 side will leave by air on Thursday, August 2. —A. SCOTT, chairman of Selectors.

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 14, 1951

First Division								Second Division							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Sunshine United	15	10	3	2	47	23	22	J.U.S.T.	15	14	1	0	66	16	28
Prahran	15	9	3	3	53	32	21	Juventus	14	9	1	4	53	15	22
Brighton	15	8	3	4	48	20	20	Hakoah J.R.C.	15	9	4	2	49	28	20
Yallourn	15	8	1	6	40	26	20	Moreland	14	7	3	4	28	25	18
Box Hill	15	8	5	2	38	32	18	F.N.D.	14	6	6	2	38	40	14
South Yarra	15	6	6	3	38	31	15	South Melbourne	14	6	7	1	38	43	13
Park Rangers	15	4	7	4	31	31	12	Preston	15	3	8	4	25	54	10
Footscray City	15	4	8	3	24	46	11	George Cross	14	3	9	2	28	48	8
Sandringham City	15	3	9	3	27	46	9	Fifers	14	2	10	2	22	46	6
Sunshine City	15	0	15	0	15	74	0	University	15	2	12	1	22	52	5

Divisional Cup—2nd Round.

To be played 21/7/51.

International Harvester v. Frankston.
Polonia v. Geelong United.

Ulsterville v. White Eagles.
Coburg v. Olympic.

Reserve League Tables

First Division								Third Division							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Park Rangers	15	10	3	2	49	23	22	Park Rangers	15	12	1	2	48	22	26
Brighton	15	10	3	2	43	31	22	Polonia	14	11	3	0	78	19	22
Yallourn	15	9	4	2	47	23	20	South Yarra	13	9	2	2	63	32	20
South Yarra	15	7	2	6	35	19	20	R.A.A.F.	13	8	3	2	56	40	18
Prahran	15	8	6	1	46	33	17	Box Hill	13	7	5	1	52	42	15
Sunshine United	15	7	7	1	38	30	15	Coburg	14	7	6	1	46	40	15
Box Hill	15	6	9	0	35	40	12	Williamstown	12	6	3	3	40	37	15
Footscray City	15	3	9	3	20	41	9	Brighton	14	6	7	1	26	39	13
Sandringham City	15	3	10	2	14	47	8	Moorabbin City	15	2	13	0	22	63	4
Sunshine City	15	2	12	1	18	58	5	Macedonians	11	2	9	0	9	36	4
								Royal Caledonians	11	2	9	0	6	29	4
								Olympic	13	1	12	0	3	50	2

Second Division								Results Required							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P								
Moreland	14	11	2	1	36	15	23	Second Division Reserves.—July 14, George Cross v. Moreland; Fifers v. F.N.D.							
Juventus	13	11	2	0	49	10	22	Third Division Reserves.—July 14, Coburg v. Williamstown; Macedonians v. Polonia; R.A.A.F. v. Olympic; Royal Caledonians v. South Yarra.							
Hakoah J.R.C.	14	10	2	2	37	11	22	Will secretaries of clubs concerned in above matches, please phone results of games. Phone LB 1444 (Mr. Olsen) Thursdays or Fridays after 8 p.m.							
J.U.S.T.	15	7	8	9	37	25	14								
F.N.D.	12	5	5	2	29	35	12								
Preston	15	4	8	3	24	23	11								
George Cross	12	5	7	0	24	26	10								
University	15	4	9	2	24	50	10								
Fifers	13	3	8	2	22	51	8								
South Melbourne	15	3	12	0	22	58	6								

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 14, 1951

Under 19 Division

Brighton	8	7	1	0	22	4	14
Preston	10	7	3	0	29	15	14
Sunshine United	7	6	1	0	20	5	12
Juventus	9	5	3	1	19	15	11
South Melb. United	7	4	1	2	19	8	10
Sandringham City	6	2	3	1	12	14	5
Yallourn	6	2	4	0	13	12	4
Footscray City	7	2	5	0	10	18	4
Moorabbin City	7	1	5	1	7	16	3
Northcote	5	1	4	0	10	15	2
Hakoah J.R.C.	8	0	7	1	3	42	1

Under 17 "A" Section

Brighton	9	7	0	2	29	5	16
South Yarra	9	5	3	1	18	14	11
Sandringham City	9	3	4	2	24	20	8
Army Apprentices "A"	6	3	2	1	14	10	7
Park Rangers	9	3	5	1	16	17	7
Sunshine City	9	2	5	2	9	27	6
Sunshine United	9	2	6	1	5	22	5

Under 17 "B" Section

Northcote	9	6	2	1	18	13	13
South Melb. United	11	6	5	0	19	14	12
Preston	8	2	4	2	7	16	6
Army Apprentices "B"	8	1	4	3	9	27	5
Box Hill	10	7	1	2	39	13	2
Coburg	8	0	6	2	7	16	2

Box Hill have had 14 points deducted from their records for playing ineligible players by the executive committee of the Junior Association at a meeting held on July 2, 1951.

Under 15 Division

Sunshine United	8	7	1	0	34	7	14
Brighton "A"	10	6	2	2	42	9	14
Brighton "B"	9	7	2	0	29	11	14
South Melb. United	7	5	1	1	22	4	11
Northcote	8	5	3	0	25	13	10
Preston	8	4	4	0	14	12	8
Park Rangers	9	3	4	2	11	17	8
Box Hill	9	2	6	1	13	38	5
Ringwood Boys	8	2	6	0	14	23	4
Moreland	6	1	5	0	5	47	2
South Yarra	8	0	8	0	3	31	0

Under 14 Division

Coburg	10	9	0	1	59	4	19
Park Rangers	11	8	2	1	55	8	17
Sth. Melbourne "A"	11	7	2	2	70	14	16
Sandringham City	11	7	1	3	46	12	16
Sunshine City	11	6	5	0	41	21	12
Box Hill "A"	11	5	6	0	38	26	10
Brighton	11	3	8	0	10	56	6
Moorabbin City	11	3	8	0	6	70	6
Sth. Melbourne "B"	11	2	9	0	6	45	4
Box Hill "B"	10	1	9	0	4	79	2